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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
12 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

13 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, *et al.*,  
14 Plaintiffs,  
15 v.  
16 JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., *et al.*,  
17 Defendants.

18 SIERRA CLUB, *et al.*,  
19 Plaintiffs,  
20 v.  
21 JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., *et al.*,  
22 Defendants.  
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No. 4:19-cv-00872-HSG  
No. 4:19-cv-00892-HSG  
No. 4:20-cv-01494-HSG  
No. 4:20-cv-01563-HSG

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

25 In accordance with the Court's Order of December 13, 2021, Plaintiffs and Defendants  
26 submit the following joint status report addressing proceedings in the above-captioned cases.

27 The parties remain in active settlement discussions and request that the Court continue the  
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1 stay of these cases for 90 days. On November 19, 2021, Magistrate Judge Ryu conducted a five-  
2 hour settlement conference focused on the State Plaintiffs' request for relief related to the  
3 diversion of Department of Defense funds for border wall construction and Defendants' plans to  
4 remediate the impacts of prior border wall construction activities. Following the settlement  
5 conference, the parties exchanged additional information and letters at Judge Ryu's request  
6 focused on Plaintiffs' environmental settlement demands. On March 8, 2022, the parties submitted  
7 proposals to Judge Ryu recommending next steps in the settlement process. Judge Ryu has  
8 scheduled a video status conference for March 15, 2022, to discuss the parties' proposals.

9       The parties believe that their settlement discussions in these complex matters are  
10 progressing forward in good faith. The parties agree that the interests of party and judicial  
11 economy would be furthered by allowing the parties to continue these ongoing discussions with  
12 the goal of reaching a mutually-agreeable resolution without the need for further litigation. The  
13 parties propose to file another joint status report in 90 days.

1 DATE: March 14, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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